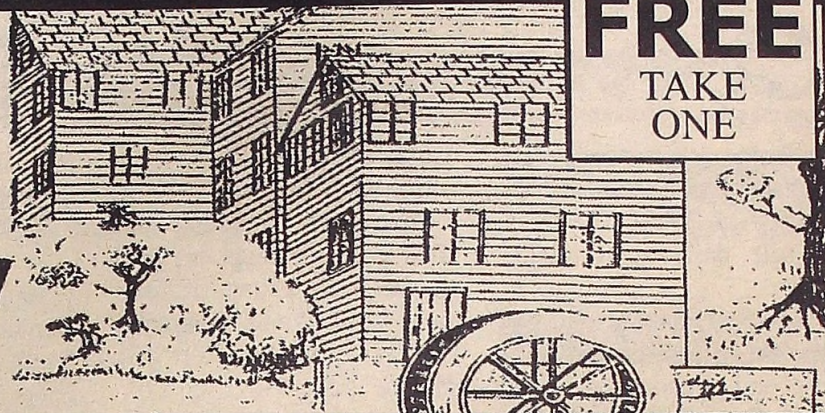


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Trustee Krause Changes Her Vote — Metro Park is Given Liquor License

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

At the May 22nd Township Board meeting Trustee Krause changed her vote from a consistent "no" vote to a "yes" vote, tipping the majority in favor of granting a booze license for the park system. The Board gave the license without getting anything else in return. Previously Trustee Krause suggested free entry for Township residents. Trustee O'Kelley went further and suggested the Township receive a share of the fees charged to enter the park and the golfing fees.

The issue of the liquor license had been discussed on a number of occasions and the Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk have consistently supported the granting of the license. The Four Trustees have consistently voted against it. Each side cited

many examples to support their position and Trustee Krause had been one of the most vocal. She even went so far as to bring up the rumor she heard that a deal may have been struck in the land swap deal that would give the parks frontage property and a liquor license. The Supervisor and the Treasurer denied this.

When the May 22nd agenda became public, Trustee Krause's name was mentioned in the park authority's request to speak before the Board.

At that Board meeting Huron Clinton Metroparks Director Gary Bartsch addressed the Board. He began his remarks by thanking Trustee Krause for calling him and attempting to set the record straight. He said he hoped he had answered her questions. Apparently he had.

The Director also thanked Treasurer Skrzycki for inviting him to speak to the Board. Ironically Trustee O'Kelley had previously asked the Board to invite the park representatives to speak to the Board and that motion failed.

The Director read a letter dated 5-8-02 directed to the Board members. In that letter

he reaffirmed the park's support for Huron Township.

When he concluded reading his letter, O'Kelley reminded him that all this began when three citizens spoke to the Board and two of them talked about withdrawn services. The Applefest Chairperson specifically said a park representative had told her that services would be withheld to Applefest by the park system. He said this alarmed the Board, and he asked who the park authority person was that made these threats.

Director Bartsch did not directly answer the question but in his comments he said the comments were taken out of context. He mentioned budget restraints and that the Park Superintendent for the parks in Huron was concerned about the \$25,000 it would take to purchase a liquor license. He said it was a "shame" they had to look into their budget for this purchase. He said the parks in this area work on a strict budget.

When he concluded his remarks, Trustee Krause immediately advised the Board that she had spoken to Director Bartsch on the phone and she told him of the concerns she had. She

said, "He helped to enlighten and bring some new light on that area. We now agree that the metro park has always been the next best thing to God in this Township."

She went on to say that the park is trying to work with us and we get off balance when a "few residents take things out of context and blow it up and upset everybody." She said she felt very confident that granting of the license would not be a problem and hoped they would be able to control the drinking.

This was a reversal to the comments she made to this reporter when she told me that when she was an employee, the Township they had all kinds of problems with drunks after they left the parks.

When she made the motion to grant this license, Trustee O'Kelley openly laughed and after the vote a lone citizen in the audience clapped his approval.

After the vote and during the Trustee reports, O'Kelley said that when the agenda first became public he was told, "something was going down." He said he rejected that thought and accepted the idea that the park was simply going to dispel the rumors

and reaffirm their support for the community. He was told to be "looking for something else." He said he was extremely disappointed.

Trustee Krause said she was sure she had upset some people tonight. She said that what we did (grant the license) needed to be done after talking to Mr. Bartsch. She concluded that she resented any second-guessing of her decision.

Treasurer Skrzycki congratulated Trustee Krause for "her courage" in changing her vote. He commended her for her open-minded decision. He said the park system "is the best thing that Huron Township has to offer."

The final vote was four to three with Supervisor Mitchell, Clerk Bowers, Treasurer Skrzycki and Trustee Krause voting in favor. Trustee Adkins, Carey and O'Kelley voted in opposition.

Editors Note: The June 10, 2002 Huron Township Board Meeting has been cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Some Board members are on a Florida Junket. The July 26, 2002, meeting has been changed to Tuesday, July 25, 2002, due to the Treasurer needing to take his children to the Detroit Fireworks.

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Community Calendar

Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

Second Sunday of each month Open House at the Flat Rock Historical Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on park grounds in Waltz. New

members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings are held on the first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation for mothers of infants through kindergarten children. 783-3669.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on May 1, 6 p.m. Meet-

ings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Library.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the

Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

Senior Citizens

The Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

Meetings are held first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281.

Check with the Senior Director for Trips scheduled one day to a week. Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Meals on Wheels for home bound seniors. Linda (Cricket) Thompson serves as director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

Quilting Mondays at 10 a.m.

Crafts Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner third Thursday at 4 p.m.

Pinochle every Monday 12:30 p.m.

Euchre third and fifth Tuesday 12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Meijer's every Thursday. Leave Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

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Huron High Athletic Department Offers Summer Camps

The New Boston Huron High School Athletic Department is pleased to announce that this summer it will be offering a full slate of summer camps to be held at the high school and various locations throughout the

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Huron Schools to Request Headlee Amendment Override

BY MARGARET O'KELLEY

On June 10, 2002, Huron School District will be asking the voters to go to the ballot and pass an override for the Headlee Amendment. According to School Superintendent Thomas Hosler the Headlee override must pass or Huron School District will lose \$55,463 of local revenue for the 2002-2003 school year. Superintendent Hosler stated that the school district has eaten approximately \$70,000 over the last few years due to the Headlee Rollback but this is not a financially sound practice to continue.

Superintendent Hosler also explained that the current growth rate for Huron Township is 11.7% which allows to the district to levy less millage for the bond issue than was voted. The voters approved 6.5 for the bond and the district only needs to levy 6.1. This is a definite break for the homeowners. The Headlee override would provide 1/2 mill for the district. The homeowner will not have to pay the override on their homestead. The override less the growth reduction almost creates a wash for the business community.

The following detailed explanation was provided by Huron School District:

Huron School District Headlee Override Election June 10, 2002

1. How is the Huron School District funded?

- 8% Local property taxes

- 79% State school aid from Lansing

- 5% Federal funding
- 8% Other

2. What is the Headlee Amendment?

- Statewide referendum approved by voters

- Designed to insure that property taxes would not increase faster than the rate of inflation (Cost of Living)

3. How does the Headlee Amendment impact Huron School District?

- Because property values have climbed faster than the rate of inflation for non-homestead properties, taxes have fallen below the mandated 18 mills for these non-homestead properties such as second homes, business and non-qualified farm (agricultural) property

- The Huron School District was required to rollback local non-homestead property taxes by .4913 mills.

- As a result of the rollback, the Huron School District lost \$40,000 last year and could stand to lose more in the future.

4. Why is the Huron School District asking for 3 mills if only .4913 mills is rolled back?

- Although the school district is asking for 3 mills, state law limits the school district to 18 mills on non-homestead property.

- As shown in the chart, the Headlee Rollback on non-homestead property occurs virtually every year. If the district asked for only 18 mills, it would be necessary to return to the voters every few years and ask to have the

millage restored to the mandated 18 mills.

- The 3 mills will serve as a cushion for voters against future Headlee reductions in the years to come.

5. As a homeowner will my taxes increase on my home?

- No
- Primary homesteads will not be affected

6. Is this another Bond Issue?

- No. Since Proposal A in 1994, school district cannot have millage elections to generate operating funds. A district can ask voters to approve a Bond issue. Proceeds from the bond issue can only be used for state approved construction building or renovation projects like those underway in the Huron School District.

7. What is a Headlee Override Election?

- A request of the voters to

School Year	Non-Homestead Rate	Dollars
1996-97	18.000	0.00
1997-98	18.000	0.00
1998-99	17.880	-\$8,191
1999-00	17.850	-\$11,449
2000-01	17.846	-\$11,816
2001-02	17.5087	-\$40,449

override the Headlee Rollback

- If voters approve the rollback, the district will have its funding restored to the state guaranteed level of 18 mills

- This is a tax on non-homestead, business, and non-qualified agricultural property only

- The vote is scheduled for June 10, 2002

8. What will happen if the proposal does pass or if it does not pass?

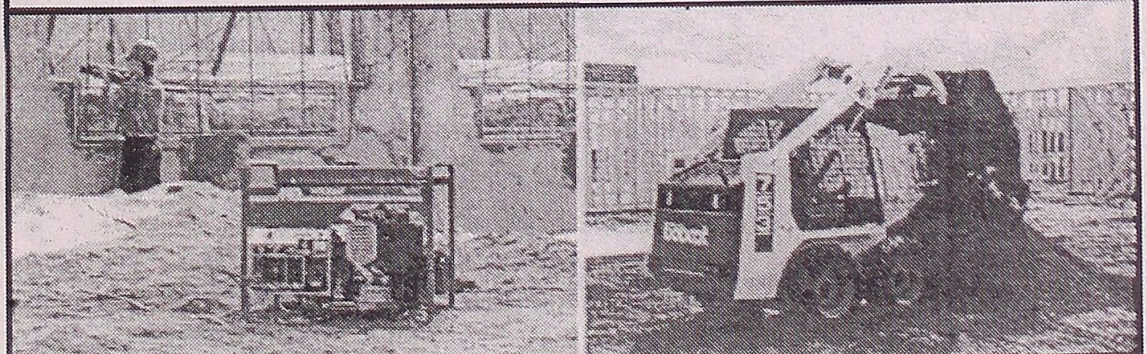
- If the proposal does pass, Homestead taxpayers will pay no additional taxes. Non Homestead taxpayers will pay an additional .4913 mills on their property value

- If the proposal does not pass, the Huron School District will not be able to collect the full amount of funding available by the state. The district will lose a minimum of \$40,000 annually.

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Employees of the 34th District Court joined in the 10th anniversary of the Ms. Foundation for Women, "Take Our Daughter to Work Day" on April 24th. The event was held a day early, preceding the national celebration of April 25th. The day was originally created to expose young women to the workforce and encourage them to excel in the business world. But, as an offshoot of the program many workplaces have opted to include boys in an effort to give the opportunity to inspire and train future leaders by allowing them to receive first hand work exposure.

Thirty visitors were among those in attendance to participate in a full schedule of events that included meeting with Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, Judge Brian A. Oakley and Judge William J. Szlinis.

The morning began with a continental breakfast and a tour of the jail holding facility by court officers.

Judge Green later introduced clown/magician "Uncle Happy," who kept the youngsters enthralled with his "hand is quicker than the eye" magic tricks.

Certificates of Participation were awarded by Judge Szlinis to all those youngsters in attendance.

Closing out the day's events was a demonstration by canines "Judge," "Jury," "Smokey," and "Bandit," led by K-9 Academy Directors Terry and Diane Shoenbach and Romulus Officers Donald Leonard and Darrin Wright.

Among those in attendance were Ross Bottomley, grandson of Civil Department Director Oneita Davis; Joey and Matt Coffee, sons of Tra-

cie Coffee Civil Department clerk; Zachery Craner, grandson of Peggy Zachery, file courier; Jerilyn Chapp, daughter of Melissa Chap, probation department; Alex DeBacher, grandson of Judge William Szlinis; John and Zachary Green, sons of Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green; Tyler Johnson, son of deputy clerk Michelle Johnson; Elizabeth Lewis, niece of Melinda Shearrer, probation department; Jeffrey Martin, son of Kim Martin, deputy clerk; Savannah Rose and Miranda Mae Moffat, granddaughters of Sandy Crout, financial director; Haley Moore, daughter of Michael Moore, deputy clerk; Cody and Cory Mortzfield, sons of Heather Mortzfield, deputy



clerk; Aaron Myles, Donald Myles Jr. and Shantrice Tatum, grandchildren of Jacqueline Peagler, Civil Department clerk; Cassandra, David and Michael Nelson, children of Deborah Nelson, Juvenile Probation Director; Cheyenne Oakley, daughter of Judge Brian A. Oakley; Rachel Rohn, daughter of Jerry Rohn, deputy clerk; Hunter and Madison

Silkowski, children of Art Silkowski, deputy probation director; Hunter Andrew Suchy, son of Mindy Suchy, deputy clerk; Paige Wallace, daughter of Lisa Pond Wallace, Court Recorder to Judge Oakley and granddaughter of Clema Pond, Court Clerk and Jared Wegienka, neighbor to JoAnn Brown, Criminal Department supervisor.

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Sultry Crystal Gayle Will Make Your "Brown-Eyes Blue" at MGM Grand Detroit

Sultry Crystal Gayle will make your "Brown Eyes Blue" at MGM Grand Detroit

Detroit - May 31, 2002 - The sultry sounds of Crystal Gayle, a crowd favorite, will swoon guests on Sunday June 9 at MGM Grand Detroit. Gayle is performing as part of MGM Grand Detroit Casino's "Sizzlin' Summer Sundays" concert series.

Gayle will croon her most famous hits as she fills the third week of country acts slated to play during the month of June at the MGM Grand Detroit.

All concerts will take place Sunday evening at 5 p.m. in the Special Events Tent located just outside of the casino, off the Lodge Freeway at the Bagley exit.

Ticket prices are \$30 each, and members of the MGM Grand Directors Club can purchase tickets at \$10 off the regular price. Persons age 21 and older only admitted. Snacks and beverages will be sold at the event. Tickets can be purchased at MGM Grand Gifts, the retail store located on the first floor of the casino. For more information, call MGM Grand Detroit Casino at 1-877-888-2121. Acts are sub-



ject to change and cancellation without advanced notice.

Gayle has graced her fans with almost three dozen hit records. She has come a long way from her roots in the Appalachian coal-mining town of Paintsville, Kentucky. Gayle was the first female country artist to achieve platinum sales status, with her album "You Must Believe In Magic", which featured her pop smash "Don't it Make My Brown Eyes Blue."

Gayle has a shelf full of awards to go along with her extraordinary run of hit singles and albums celebrate. Her amazing career has not gone without its accolades. Gayle was named Country Music's "Female Vocalist of the Year"

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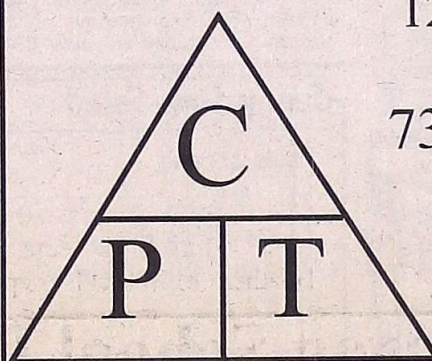
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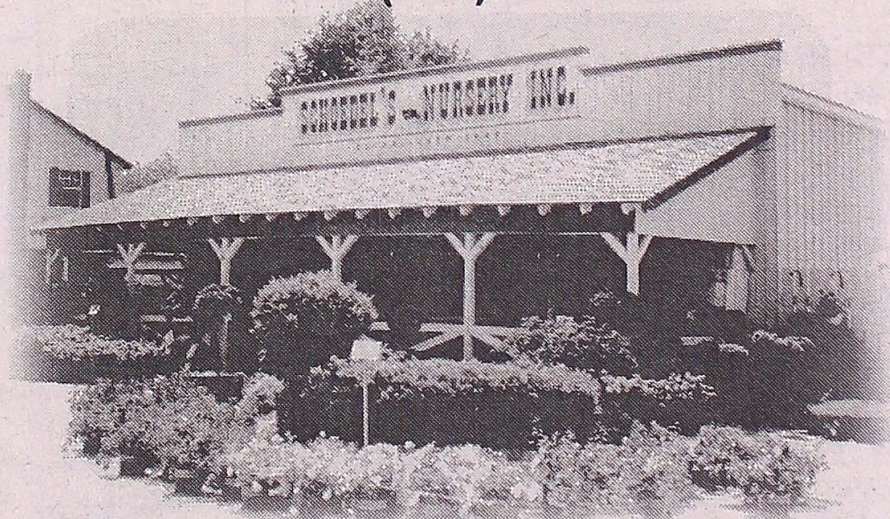
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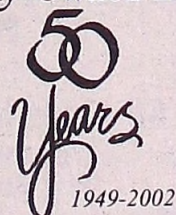
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Cancer June 22 - July 23

Words from internet bring alarm. You find self unable to pull plug from unfruitful friendships. Time to change name and keep others guessing. Caution when teenagers go driving. 5910

Leo July 24 - Aug 23

Secrets come to light. But no one wishes to claim the truth. Time in the sun requires sunscreen but not of nature you expect. BBQ is great entertainment but think of traveling north again. 6871

Virgo Aug 24 - Sept 23

Business practices catch up to you. May be time to send boss flying. But decision on whether to go too, is the big question. Time alone is not good. You can not be at all places at one time. 3829

Libra Sept 24 - Oct 23

Peace of mind comes in small pieces this week. Puzzle lays in front of you. Unable to come together. One you thought loved you only has ill-intent now. Brighter days on the horizon. Let sun rise on you. 8912

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Anger gets you behind the eight ball. Time to manage life before life begins to manage you. People find time to spend with you. But they wish for something you are unable to give. 9234

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

Vacation takes on new meaning as you earned one this year. Money found in garbage comes from sale of unwanted junk. Sort thru old pictures before separating past from present. 6921

Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

Motorcycle, bicycle, walking on feet. Make sure it is your own you use. Roads traveled are not smooth but rough edges build character. Basic business sense is not found in your vocabulary. 7110

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Foreign matters are just that...foreign. Recent event end message to all involved but not to those that matter. Children play games unfamiliar to you but end results make life worth living. 6903

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

When all comes to light you find yourself unable to send love to right person. Basic gardening needs means more work in weeding. And again find no one willing to help. Plant flowers before too late. 2899

Horoscope



William Grover

Aries Mar 21 - April 20

Flowers bloom and die but fast work replaces stale feelings of unwanted work. Spouse finds time to wish you a special day but forgets what you find to be most important. Keep ahead of the traffic. 3891

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Go South? Best try an east-west direction as not to get lost in the woods. Four times this week you find yourself in an unwanted situation. That smile may not be enough. Keep smiling anyway. 2956

Sunny Day Salad

Single Serving	3-4 Cherry Tomatoes (cut in half)
2 Cups Spring Mix	8 - 10 Red Onion Strips
1/2 Cup Cottage Cheese	2 Tbs. Bleu Cheese - crumbled

Chill a medium to large plate or flat-bottom bowl. Mound the cottage cheese in the center of the plate and arrange the spring mix around the edge. Arrange the other toppings over the salad and serve with a Cherry, Strawberry or Raspberry Vinaigrette.

Al Fresco



Georgette Heron-Willoughby

Salad Season!

It's finally salad season around here. This month is the perfect to try some new salad creations.

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Maggie's Musings



Margaret O'Kelley

We are definitely AMUSED! Bang! Bang! Sometimes it truly amazes me that some of the Huron Township Board in their infinite wisdom continues to shoot themselves in the foot.

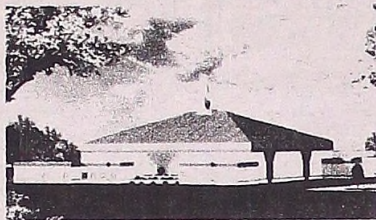
According to a Township Board Member (not my husband) the new Treasurer brought in an acquaintance of his father with a proposal to throw out zoning (after spending \$100,000 plus on a new Master Plan) an adopt coding. They were shown a short video demonstrating new urbanism (restoring blighted areas) in Chicago and it excited them so much that now four of them are planning to go to Florida (at taxpayers expense) to view this new phenomenon. As of Wednesday May 29 the Board Members traveling to Florida were John Mitchell,

Supervisor; Dawnette Bowers, Clerk; Jerry Skrzycki Treasurer; and Mary Lou Carey, Trustee. Are there a lot of urban blighted areas in

Huron Township?

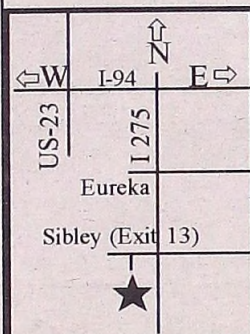
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